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To: Jane Henney, FDA Comissioner

From: Pat Thompson Date: 10/05/2000 Time: 18:03:54

Subject: Petition for testing and mandatory labeling for genetically engineers

RE: Docket No. 00P-1211/CP1

Dear Commissioner Henney,

I am furious with the FDA for approving GMO foods and feel betrayed by an organization that is supposed to be protecting our food supply. I want these foods tested thoroughly for safety for people and the environment BEFORE being foisted upon us. I think it's outrageous that these bad foods are being sold without labeling as such. All my family and friends feel the same way and feel that we have a right to know what kind of ingredients are in our food supply by the labeling of these so called

On March 21, 2000, Greenpeace and a coalition of over 50 family farm, consumer and environmental groups joined the Center for Food Safety in a petition to the FDA demanding the development of a thorough pre-market and environmental testing regime for genetically engineered foods and mandatory labeling of such foods. I am writing for submission to the official rulemaking docket (#00P-1211/CP1) in support of that action.

As a concerned citizen, I urge the FDA to require the labeling and pre-market safety testing of genetically engineered foods. We have an absolute right to know what is in the food that we are purchasing, as well as how it was produced. Scientists and doctors have warned that these crops may have unexpected side-effects in the diet and the environment, and there is no evidence that these foods are safe in the long-run.

Please take action to ensure that our health and environment are not put at risk.

Sincerely,

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